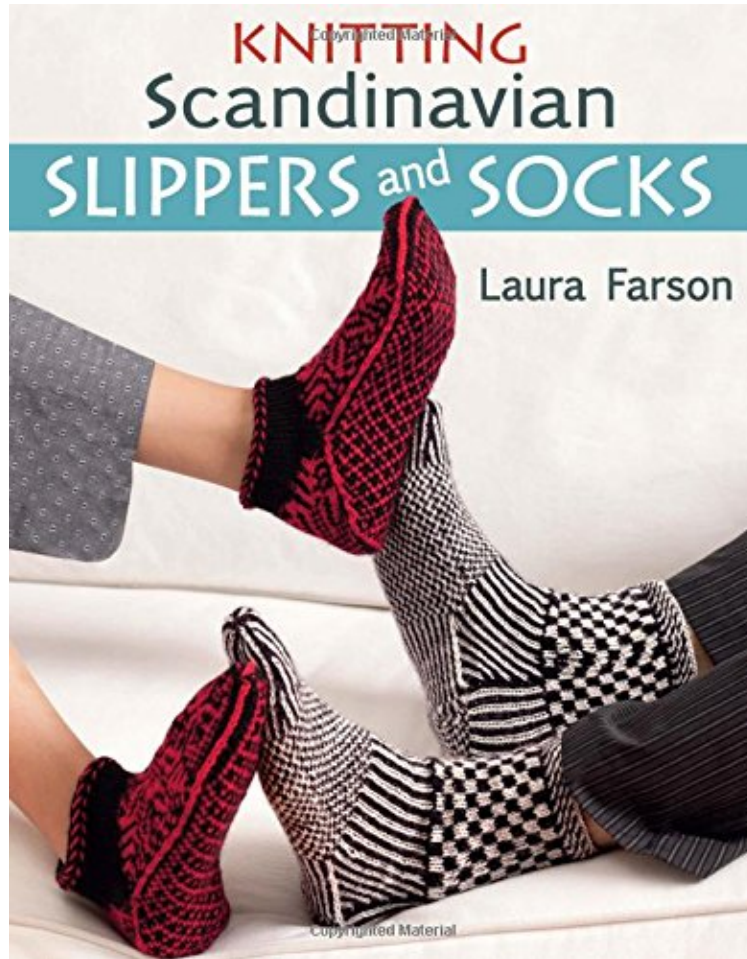


Knitting Scandinavian Slippers and Socks

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Laura Farson : Knitting Scandinavian Slippers and Socks before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Knitting Scandinavian Slippers and Socks:

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Attractive, Challenging Patterns for Footwear Knitted in Round, From Heel to ToeBy Lynne E.As a knitting book collector, I like KNITTING SCANDINAVIAN SLIPPERS AND SOCKS for several reasons. First, the book is technically interesting, because the slippers and socks are knitted in a traditional Scandinavian manner--in the round, from the back of the heel to the toe. Also, the designs use hard-wearing stranded knitting with two yarns for the soles, and stretchier twined knitting with two yarns for the tops. (In stranded knitting, two yarns are knit alternately to create the stitch pattern; in twined knitting, two yarns are knitted alternately to create the stitch pattern, but are intentionally twisted as the stitch pattern is created.)Second, the book has instructions for making felted slipper insoles (for warmth, or to adjust the fit of too-large slippers). These insoles are

easily made by felting a square or tube of knitted fabric in the washing machine, and then cutting out the insoles (using either a tracing of a person's foot or an insole from a shoe as a pattern). Third, the slipper and sock patterns strongly appeal to my aesthetic sense, so I think they'd be fun and rewarding--although admittedly somewhat challenging--to knit. My favorite design is the "Optical Illusion" slippers, which has three checkerboard and black "ribbons" decorating the top of the foot. This design reminds me a bit of traditional Sanquhar glove patterns. The slippers, which combine twined and stranded knitting, and the socks, which use only twined knitting, are not particularly easy to knit. Working in the round, you start with a back-of-the-heel cast on, knit the heel, add a row of waste yarn (removed later for the ankle opening), knit the entire foot (top and sole), and do decreases to finish off the toe. Fortunately, the book includes large, clear, full-color photos to guide you step-by-step through this unusual construction process. This is a book for adventurous intermediate or advanced knitters who have already knitted socks and are ready to try something different. It is also a book that contains some very pretty Scandinavian-motif slipper and sock designs. Be sure to visit the Martingale web site to pick up the 5-page errata file before you start knitting. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. So many errors--not worth the effort. By TAPossibly the most disappointing pattern directions I've ever tried to follow. I always check for errata when buying a new book, and I downloaded (4 pages!!!) of them on sticky paper and pasted them in my book. I started with the basic slipper, because every other slipper seemed to be based on this one and therefore had the scantiest of instructions, but this first project had no chart to follow and several times I had to rip back to the cast-on to get the color pattern of the side stripes correct. For example, the cast-on directions called for the main color over the index finger, but the slipper called for it to be over the thumb. I finished one slipper and got all the way to the toe on the second one before finally giving in to the realization that they didn't match, in size or in pattern. A chart would have solved the problem for the basic slipper, perhaps, but the number of errors in this book were just overwhelming. I even found ANOTHER error in the toe decreases that was not noted. I ended up frogging both slippers. I am not a beginning knitter. I have made several pairs of complex Norwegian mittens, a Norwegian sweater, and several Fair Isle projects as well as stranded Lopi mitts. This was just a very poorly written book. I really can't imagine how someone could give this book five stars unless perhaps for the photography. They can't have tried to follow the instructions. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not for the beginning knitter. By MalenaWow, I want to knit every pair of slippers and socks in this book. The designs are amazing. The charts are easy to read. You can easily mix and match designs to create something unique. The only thing I would fault is that there are basic slipper instructions and basic sock instructions and you have to keep referring back to them as you are trying to follow the pattern and specific instructions for the slippers you are knitting. It was a little confusing for me, but I understand that since the instructions are basically the same, it makes sense to do it that way. I would say you need to be a fairly experienced knitter for this book. This should not be your first pair of slippers/socks or your first stranded color-work design. The designs really lend themselves to two circular needle knitting as opposed to double points. I finished my first pair fairly quickly and can't wait to do another.

Discover beautiful knitting patterns that incorporate both twined and stranded knitting. Instructions are given for casting on at the heel and working toward the toe for excellent fit; options include removable felted insoles for even greater comfort. Both women's and men's knitting patterns included--perfect for gifts. Patterns feature a mix of traditional Scandinavian designs and modern variations.

Colorwork enthusiasts will love this book. It gives you a grand start to twisted knitting with charts and patterns, comprehensive instructions, and clearly drawn illustrations. The first slipper tutorial smartly uses different background colors to show off the different sections of slipper construction and includes many photographs that clearly show what needs to be done. For beautifully shod feet, the charted patterns range from the simplicity of squares to the gorgeous snowflakes. --Love of Knitting Magazine. Laura Farson's *Knitting Scandinavian Slippers and Socks* provides lovely knitting patterns for slippers and coordinating socks, and is a project guide highly recommended for any knitting collection. The narrowed focus on Scandinavian designs makes for a lovely survey packed with color photos of each project, including close-up color patterns accompanied by specific stitches. Any with some basic knitting knowledge will find this a warm and cozy guide. --The Bookwatch Newsletter. *Knitting Scandinavian Slippers and Socks* by Laura Farson is all about keeping your feet warm and comfortable in traditional and modern designs. The designs result in a stretchy top and durable bottom. The socks are worked in twined and stranded techniques for optimal construction. The slippers and socks are colorworked in designs unique to Scandinavian tradition. Worked as a larger size, on bigger needles and felted will make them durable and long wearing. There is also a pattern for creating your own felted innersoles. Perfect for when the winter boot liners give out. The pointed toe, unique heels and color patterns make the designs stand out. Laura will show you step by step in easy to understand drawings how to knit twined (stretch) and stranded (durability) technique. Twined knitting requires a twist of the two yarns between the stitches. Stranded two color technique keeps the yarns separate and knit alternately creating the colorwork pattern. If you are a new knitter this book may be something to strive towards. If you are an intermediate knitter and looking for a challenge, the results will be awesome. All of the patterns are for experienced knitters but one. That is skill level intermediate. There is a

basic sock and basic slipper pattern that will allow you to be as creative as you want. --Paula Moliver for the Hartford Knitting Examiner
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From the Inside Flap
Laura Farson, author of the popular *New Twists on Twined Knitting*, presents beautiful knitting patterns for cozy, comfortable, durable slippers-plus a number of coordinating socks.
About the Author
Laura Farson is the author of several books and numerous articles on quilting, knitting, and weaving. She has taught extensively at shops and conventions. She makes checked bags, which are handcrafted purses and totes made from recycled seat belts. Under the name "One Quirky Quilter," Laura has authored three folded-flower quilt books. Now she is "The Entwined Knitter(TM)"! In her spare time, Laura bikes, hikes, skis, and sews. She lives in the mountains of Colorado with her husband, Russ, with whom she loves to travel.